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Ravalli County Commission

Dear Census Partner:

One of the cornerstones of our Democracy is an accurate census. Data collected from the 2010 Census will be used to apportion Congress while helping communities across the Nation plan for services like schools, transportation, and health care. The U.S. Census Bureau is making preparations now to count every household in the United States and we cannot do it alone. We need the help of tribal, state, and local governments to be successful.

Although the 2010 Census is still three years away, it is not too soon for your government to begin planning activities to ensure a complete and accurate census. One of the lessons learned from the 2000 Census is that involvement of tribal, state, and local governments in the process did make a difference in the final count.

We invite you and other interested persons from your jurisdiction to join us for a 2-hour workshop that will provide you an overview of the **Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)** program. LUCA is a decennial census partnership program that allows tribal, state and local governments to contribute to a complete enumeration of their community by reviewing and commenting on the list of housing units and group quarters addresses. At the meeting, we will:

- ✓ Explain the importance of the LUCA Program
- ✓ Describe the 3 different participation options and provide a schedule
- ✓ Provide Title 13 United States Code (U.S.C.) and security requirements
- ✓ Familiarize participants with LUCA materials
- ✓ Provide information to help develop a strategy for your LUCA review

We have scheduled workshops in **Kalispell and Missoula**. If you are interested in attending, please select a location or date listed on the attached form that is most convenient for you and register via email at denver.geography@census.gov or by returning the enclosed LUCA RSVP form.

We look forward to a growing partnership with you as we prepare for the 2010 Census. If you have any questions, please contact the geography staff at 303-264-0290.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Illian
Regional Director

Enclosure

LUCA WORKSHOP RSVP FORM

You may RSVP by fax: 303-969-6776
Phone: 303-264-0290
Email: denver.geography@census.gov

or by mail:

Attn: Geography
U.S. Census Bureau
6900 W. Jefferson Ave. Ste. 100
Lakewood, CO 80235

Jurisdiction Name: _____

Please check one of the following:

_____ The people listed below will attend the workshop at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at the Public Meeting Room at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 490 North Meridan Road, **Kalispell**

_____ The people listed below will attend the workshop at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the MonTEC Conference Room, Missoula Area Economic Development Corp, 1121 East Broadway, **Missoula**

_____ Our jurisdiction will not be able to send anyone to a workshop session.

Names and telephone numbers of the expected workshop attendees (continue on back if necessary):

Name	Telephone #
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